

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2165–2180, and S. Res. 282–287. **Pages S7272–73**

Measures Reported:

S. 1864, to improve national security by developing metrics to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at points of entry, and along the maritime border, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–152)

H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”.

H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”.

H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”.

H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the “Richard ‘Dick’ Chenault Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the “Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

S. Res. 148, condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. Res. 274, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the peaceful and democratic reunification of Germany.

S. Res. 278, welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship.

S. 1811, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy, with amendments.

S. 2126, to reauthorize the women’s business center program of the Small Business Administration, with amendments. **Page S7271**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7280–81**

McConnell (for Booker) Amendment No. 2711, to amend the resolving clause to correct the date of the ceremony. **Page S7281**

Commemorating the Life of Robert Edward Simon, Jr: Senate agreed to S. Res. 285, commemorating the life and accomplishments of Robert Edward Simon, Jr. **Page S7281**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, designating the week beginning on October 11, 2015, as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”. **Page S7281**

Welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea: Senate agreed to S. Res. 278, welcoming the President of the Republic of Korea on her official visit to the United States and celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea relationship. **Page S7281**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 278), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2146, to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 8, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Pro Forma Session—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Friday, October 9, 2015, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, October 9, 2015, it next convene for pro forma session only with no business conducted on the following dates and times: at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, and at 10 a.m., on Friday, October 16, 2015; that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, October 16, 2015, it next convene at 4 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2015.

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Donnelly Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided for debate on the nomination in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019.

Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

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Stephen C. Hedger, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dana J. Boente, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Lloyd Capers, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

John P. Fishwick, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Channing D. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Emily Gray Rice, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Randolph J. Seiler, of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Amos J. Hochstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources).

David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—278) **Page S7244**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7281.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RUSSIAN STRATEGY AND MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russian strategy and military operations, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Institute for the Study of War; General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), former National Security Advisor, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security; Heather Conley, Center

for Strategic and International Studies Europe Program; and Stephen Sestanovich, Council on Foreign Relations.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY AND THE RECALL PROCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine consumer product safety and the recall process, after receiving testimony from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, and Ann Marie Buerkle, Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; Frederick Locker, National Association of Manufacturers CPSC Coalition, New York, New York; Jonathan Gold, National Retail Federation, and Cheryl A. Falvey, Crowell and Moring LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nancy A. Cowles, Kids in Danger, Chicago, Illinois.

WATER AND HYDROELECTRIC LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 2898, to provide drought relief in the State of California, S. 1894, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California, S. 1936, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Boxer; Representative Valadao; Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Jeffrey Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Richard M. Frank, University of California School of Law California Environmental Law and Policy Center, Davis; Adrian Oglesby, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Sarah Woolf, Clovis, California.

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 414, to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, S. 872, to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities